



# CONSUMER ALERT

## The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program Can Provide Savings



The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) urges qualifying low-income residents to apply for the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program. Those who qualify could receive a discount in local telephone service costs of over \$100 a year!

### What are the benefits?

The benefits vary depending on telephone service providers. On average, most customers save about \$100 off their annual telephone bills and approximately 50 percent off their local telephone installation charge, and have the option of blocking outgoing long distance calls free of charge. Contact your local telephone company for details.

### Who is eligible?

The maximum household income levels for eligibility in the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program are:

<b><u>150% of Poverty Guideline's Maximum Income</u></b>		
<b><u># of Household Members</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Income</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Income*</u></b>
1	\$1,196	\$14,355
2	\$1,603	\$19,245
3	\$2,011	\$24,135
4	\$2,418	\$29,025
5	\$2,826	\$33,915
6	\$3,233	\$38,805
7	\$3,641	\$43,695
8	\$4,048	\$48,585

*\*Note: Add \$4,890 for each additional household member. Family Independence Agency clients may qualify.*

### How do you apply?

*Contact your local telephone company and ask about the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program available to you, the criteria for qualifying, or to enroll. All local telephone companies in Michigan offer the Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program.*

The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program attempts to make basic telephone service more affordable for low-income families throughout the state. Program benefits are free to those who qualify and enroll. The MPSC encourages eligible Michigan consumers to take advantage of the available discounts!